

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 12, 2022

The April 12, 2022 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the County Council Chambers. In attendance were Council President Tom Mellish and Councilmen David Hunt, Gary Booth, Mark Smith and Jake Bohlander. Auditor Jennifer Andel was present, along with County Administrator Tom Klein, Commissioner John Frey and County Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mellish called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Mark Smith.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2022
 - A. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 5-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1000	County General	0008	Assessor	11100	Elected Official	\$2,500.00
1000	County General	9655	EMA	30127	Emergency Operation Center	\$122.00
1170	LIT Public Service	0005	Sheriff	30017	Communications	\$32,916.96
1181	Plat Book	0002	Auditor	30050	Contractual Services	\$20,000.00
4900	Central Comms Center	0303	CCC	44500	Equipment	\$7,701.64
9199	Court Interpreter Grant	0202	Superior Court 2	30051	Interpreter	\$1,089.08
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TOTAL:						\$64,329.68

- A. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Additional Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court 2	32100	Dues & Subscriptions	24201	Office Supplies	\$500.00
8300	Supplemental PH Workforce Gr	0610	Health	11064	Liaison Vaccine	44400	Equipment	\$5,500.00
8300	Supplemental PH Workforce Gr	0610	Health	11065	Liaison Testing	44400	Equipment	\$5,500.00
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TOTAL:								\$11,500.00

- A. Councilman Bohlander made a motion to approve Transfer of Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 5-0.

REDUCTIONS:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Reduction Amount Requested
1224	Reassessment	0008	Assessor	11168	Certification	\$2,500.00
8151	SHSP Active Shooter Grant	9655	EMA	11695	PT Admin Asst	\$28,500.00
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TOTAL:						\$31,000.00

- A. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Reductions, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 5-0.

- V. New Business:
 - A. Resolution 2022-5 – Adopting an Updated Investment Policy
 - 1. County Attorney Dan Taylor presented Resolution 2022-5, which will replace the current policy expiring in May 2022.
 - 2. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. DLZ Presentation on Courthouse Study
 - 1. DLZ provided the highlights of their study on the Courthouse updates needed, including planning goals, schedule of work and budget. Their intent is to maintain the historical integrity of the Courthouse. They suggest starting with exterior maintenance to ensure building is watertight

before starting interior projects.

C. Fiscal Plan Updates – Peters Franklin LTD

1. Jeff Peters presented the Fiscal Plan Updates. He spoke about EMS and Jail needs and options to cover those costs. He commended the County for being able to reestablish cash balances.

D. ERPS Committee Recommendations

1. Tom Klein presented on behalf of the ERPS Committee.
2. The Health Department requested increases on four positions. These increases were already approved by the Health Board, so it was simply out of courtesy. Funding is already available. ERPS made a favorable recommendation.
3. The Probation Department wanted to create a new position, Grant Administrator. The position wasn't funded. ERPS made a non-favorable recommendation, stating they would reevaluate during the 2023 Budget process.
 - a. Councilman Bohlander made a motion to accept the ERPS recommendation, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 5-0.
4. The Public Defender asked for a Chief Deputy position to be created with a starting salary of \$90,000 and his Deputy PD's starting salary increase to \$70,000. He had much support from the Judges present, Barajas and Petrie. ERPS made a position recommendation.
 - a. Councilman Hunt made a motion to accept the ERPS recommendation, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

A. Tom Klein, County Administrator

1. Tom requested the Council and Commissioners meet in a joint work session on the financial plan.
2. He recognized E911 as it is National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.
3. He congratulated Sarah Hines on 20 years of service to the County.
4. He spoke on upcoming Bicentennial events.
5. He announced that County Engineer, Jim Peck, would be leaving the County and thanked him for his service.

B. Treasurer Heather Laffoon announced the tax bills have been sent to print and should be mailing in the next few weeks.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

A. Chief Probation Officer, Andria Geigle, asked the Council to be aware that there will be mandatory increases to the salaries in the 2023 Budget for her department.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS

A. Monica Nagele, Extension Office, announced hiring a new employee, Tricia Herr. Herr will serve in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Council President Mellish thanked outgoing County Engineer, Jim Peck, for his service.

XI. CLAIMS:

- A. \$567.00 from Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter for services rendered through 03/08/22.
- B. \$41,500.00 from Crawfordsville Main Street for Wayfinding Project Support
- C. \$5,474.40 from Peters Franklin LTD for services through 03/30/22
 1. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve above claims, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 5-0.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XIII. INSERT: Next regular meeting – May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

XIV. ADJOURN: Council President Mellish adjourned the meeting.

Tom Mellish, President

David Hunt, Vice President

Jake Bohlander, Councilman

Don Mills, Councilman

Gary Booth, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor

